GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3411
ANSWERED ON:20.03.2001
CRITERIA FOR SANCTIONING THE PROJECTS
PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL;PUSP JAIN

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No.4662 dated December 19, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the information has since been collected ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which it is likely to be collected?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement containing information collected with reference to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4662 dated December 19, 2000, is annexed.

(c) Does not arise.

ANNEXURE

Statement referred to in reply to part (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.3411 for reply on 20.03.2001.

Statement with reference to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.4662 dated 19.12.2000 by Shri Nepal Chandra Das, M.P. regarding `NGO under CAPART`.

The point wise replies are as follows:-

(a) Question :

The criteria for sanctioning the projects by CAPART to the NGOs under Rural Technology, Marketing, Gram Shree Mela, Media and Library Schemes.

(a) Answer :

The organisations registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or a State Amendment thereof, The Indian Trust Act, 1882 or The religious and Charitable Institutions Registration Act, 1920, are eligible for CAPART`s assistance. Any such organisation must be of three years standing and have three years old bank or post-office account and must be working with beneficiaries in rural areas through people`s participation. Besides, the Governmental Institutions and Individual inventors at the discretion of the competent authority may also be considered for assistance under the Advancement of Rural Technologies Scheme (ARTS), but the area of operation of the project must necessarily be in rural areas.

As the National Nodal agency for promotion of Rural Technology, CAPART supports projects under the ARTS, for adaptation and dissemination of existing technologies as well as development of new and innovative rural technologies which involve simple technologies for generating employment, increasing production, upgrading skills, improving efficiency and reducing drudgery of the target groups of rural population. Besides, projects on traditional technologies such as indigenous system of metallurgy, building construction and traditional system of medicines etc. are also supported under ARTS.

The technology should be simple, low-cost, easy to handle, technically feasible, economically viable, socially acceptable, eco-friendly and using locally available resources.

Under Marketing Division, CAPART provides marketing avenues for rural producers including those who have been assisted under various economic development programmes and poverty alleviation schemes of the Government. The aim is to bridge the critical gap in the chain of production to marketing linkages; and to bring buyers and sellers together through Gramshree melas organised at the regional level at metropolitan and other major marketing centers by voluntary organisations with CAPART support.

These melas help the rural artisans to gain higher returns by sustainable marketing networks eliminating the role of middlemen. Besides, CAPART also takes initiatives for capacity building of rural producers through workshops and training in design development and product diversification, salesmanship and modern marketing techniques.

The Media division of CAPART supports project divisions with communication material and in co-ordinating the production of Audio-visual and print learning/training materials for use by the voluntary sector. Besides, films on different relevant development themes by filmmakers of national standing as well as young innovators are also supported by Media division.

The Council does not sanction any project in Library Schemes, anymore.

(b) Question :

The details and Legal entity of the NGOs to whom the said projects were sanctioned under Rural Technology since inception till date.

(b) Answer :
The total number of VOs funded by CAPART under RTD since inception till 31.12.2000 are 600. The organisations are registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 or a State Amendment thereof, The Indian Trust Act, 1882 or The Religious and Charitable Institutions Registration Act, 1920. Apart from the Registration certificate, various other documents like Memorandum of Association and Bye-Laws of the organisations, details of their Executive / Governing Body, Audited Statement of accounts and Annual reports of the last years, necessary expertise / experience in the technologies involved under the projects supported under ARTS etc are required / scrutinized before sanctioning the projects.

(c) Question :

Whether the evaluations / inspection of the NGO has been conducted.

(c) Answer :

Yes Sir.

(d) Question :

If so, the result thereof project wise.

(e) Question :

If not, the reasons thereof.

(d) & (e) Answer :

CAPART has sanctioned 1137 projects since inception till Dec 2000, Prior to the year 1995, there was no system of conducting pre-funding appraisal of the projects. However, expert(s) opinion on the proposals was sought on the technical feasibility of the project proposals and wherever considered necessary, the decisions were taken by the Competent Authority after discussions in the meetings specially conducted on the subject.

After sanction of the projects, mid-term evaluations / post evaluations have been conducted by the CAPART Officers or by deputing Experts / Project Evaluators.

From the year 1995, the pre-funding appraisal has been made mandatory and before sanctioning the project proposals, pre-funding appraisal is conducted either by CAPART Officers or by Project Evaluators / Experts.In some cases wherever considered necessary, evaluation by a team of experts or presentation by the project investigator before a Committee is also conducted. Where the evaluation of the project at mid-term stage was found satisfactory, next instalment of grant was released, but where the implementation of the project was not found satisfactory, the projects were terminated at that stage and further release of funds stopped. Wherever unspent balance was outstanding, organisations were requested to refund the amount. In some cases where some adverse comments were received against the implementing agency, the remarks have been communicated to the implementing agency for their reaction / clarification / justification. In cases where suitable replies were not received, show cause notices were issued to the implementing agencies for putting their organisations under funding restrictions i.e., Further Assistance Stopped category (FAS). Simultaneously, to confirm the violation of terms and conditions governing the grant agreed for the project or misappropriation of grant, Project Evaluator(s) were deputed and if confirmed by them the implementing agency was Blacklisted.

The projects figuring in the list at Annexure were terminated / financially not supported further due to the reasons that their mid-term appraisal / evaluation reports were not as per the terms and conditions governing the grant.

ANNEXURE

Statement referred to in reply to part (d) of the L.S.U.Q.No.4662 for 19.12.2000

SL.NO NAME & ADDRESS OF THE ORGANISATION TITLE OF PROJECT

1. PROJECT SWARAJYA, 4A JUBILEE TOWERS, CHOUDHARY BAZAR, CUTTACK, ORISSA — Pilot project for Distillation of fish

2. GRAM SEVA SANSTHAN,NERUARI, P.O. SHAHPUR SHUKL, DISTT DEORIA, UTTAR PRADESH — Extension of NADEP compost technology

3. INSTITUTE FOR STUDIES AND TRANSFORMATIONS, 1, RAJ-LAXMI BHAVAN, NEAR NEW GAYATRI TEMPLE PARADISE PARK, WADAJ, AHMEDABAD,GUJARAT-380013 — Oil and rose water extraction

4. AMM MURUGAPPA CHEETIAR RESEARCH CENTRE, PHOTOSYNTHESIS AND ENERGY DIVISION, THARAMANI, CHENNAI, TAMILNADU-600113 — Construction of low cost green house

5. GRAMIN SEVA, AT/PO. SUNDER BIRAJEET, VIA MADHEPUR, DIST - MADHUBANI, BIHAR-847408 — Training programme for production of mud pipes

6. VERDICT SOCIETY, 13 A NAYAN KRISHNA SHAHA LANE, CALCUTTA , WEST BENGAL -700003 — R&D on traditional health systems

7. BANADEVI SEVA SADAN, KABISURYANAGAR, DISTT GANJAM, ORISSA-761104 — Useful trades for orphan & physically handicapped Transfer of Technology.

8. INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH, 11, DR. BIRESH GUHA STREET, DISTT CALCUTTA WEST BENGAL - 700017 — Transfer of Technology for food processing.

9. PROJECT SWARAJYA, 4A JUBILEE TOWERS, CHOUDHARY BAZAR, CUTTACK, ORISSA — Pilot project on paddy-cum-fish integrated farming

10. JAMNALAL BAJAJ FOUNDATION, C/O BAJAJ HINDUSTAN LTD., GOLGAMATH, DIST LAKHIMPUR KHERI, UTTAR PRADESH -262802 — Construction of 75 NADEP compost tanks

11. UTTHAN DEVELOPMENT PLANNING TEAM, 36,CHITRAKUT TWINS, NR. MANAGEMENT ENCLAVE, VASTRAPUR, AHMEDABAD, GUJARAT-380015 — Enhancing the Technology and social effect of Lined ponds

12. JANASEVA AWAS SANSATHAN, PHULWARI SHARIF, PATNA, BIHAR — Seminar on low cost farming for rural poor

13. JAN SEVA SAMITI, DERWA, DIST PRATAPGARH, UTTAR PRADESH - 230128 — Nadeep Compost Technology

14. MADHYA PRADESH COUNCIL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,MUMTAZ MANZIL, 9-A, CIVIL LINES, CHAR BUNGLOW ROAD, PROFESSORES COLONY, DIST-BHOPAL, MADHYA PRADESH- 462002 — Impact of Science and technology inputs

15. SEVA KARME SANSATHAN, SHERPUR KHURD, DISTT GHAZIPUR, UTTAR PRADESH — Extension of NADEP composting technologies

16. APPROPRIATE RURAL TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE,

6, KOYNA APARTMENTS,SURVEY NO-133, KOTHRUD ,
POONA, MAHARASHTRA -411029 Comparative studies of organic composting technologies

17. JUNGLE KAMGAR SOCIETY ADIVASI AUSHDHUPOHAR,
TAL PETH, DIST NASIK, MAHARASHTRA Traditional Medicinal Systems

18. DESERT DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, MADHYA PRADESH Irrigation of wastelands through hydrams

19. BHARTIYA VIKAS TRUST, VINAYAK VIHAR, 13
ANANTH NAGAR, MANIPAL, DISTT DAKSHIN KANNADA,
KARNATAKA - 576119 Project on Oyster Mushroom farming for rural poor

20. CHANDNAGAR PALM AND DATE GUR PRODUCT ARTISANS
WELFARE SOCIETY, CHANDNAGAR, DIAMOND HARBOUR,
DISTT 24 PARGANAS(S) WEST BENGAL- 743368 Linking existing biogas plants with new latrines

21. NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPEMNT,
RAJENDRA NAGAR, DIST HYDERABAD, ANDHRA PRADESH Utilization of low cost technology

22. PEOPLE ACTION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT
AK KANDIGAI, PO KANNAN KOTTAI,
DIST CHENGALPATTU, TAMIL NADU NADEP composting for rural farmers

23. COORDINATION FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
PO. PAZHAKULAM, ADOOR, PATHANAMTHITTA,
KERALA - 691527 Training in rubber tapping

24. INDIAN INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION (CASTFORD AND
VIGYAN ASHRAM) J.P. NAIK PATH, 128/2 KOTHRUD,
KARVE ROAD, PUNE, MAHARASHTRA -411029 General purpose grant

25. PRAKRITI SANRAKSHANA SAMITI,
VARDA, DISTT TRIVANDRUM, KERALA Revitalisation of a tribal habitat through technology

26. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR TRIBAL
UPLIFTMENTAND RESEARCH & EDUCATION,
MULLY, ATTAPPADYBLOCK, ATHIKADAVU KERALA Catalysing tribal development by the application of Rural Technology

27. GRAM VIKAS, PO. MOHUDA, VIA BERHAMPUR,
DISTT GANJAM, ORISSA - 760001 Extension of NADEP composting project

28. GOVERNMENT POLYTECHNIC, AT/PO KHURAI,
DISTT SAGAR, MADHYA PRADESH Development of a pedal powered pump project

29. UTTARAKHAND JAN SHAKTI PARISHAD,
BALTI, PO BHIKIASEN, DIST ALMORAH,
UTTAR PRADESH - 263667 Rain water harvesting tank with ferrocement technology

30. VIJAYAPURAM PRAJA SEVA SAMITI,
VILL/PO. PANNUR, VIJAYAPURAM (MANDAL),
DIST CHITTOOR, ANDHRA PRADESH - 517586 Construction on NADEP tanks to rural farmers

31. GRAMONNATI SANSTHAN, GANDHI NAGAR, MAHOBA,
HAMIRPUR, UTTAR PRADESH Propagation, cultivation and processing of herbal plants

32 BHAGWATULA CHARITABLE TRUST,
YELLAMANCHILI, VISAKHAPATNAM,
ANDHRA PRADESH - 531055 Design development and propagation of buffalo cart

33 BHAGWATULA CHARITABLE TRUST,
YELLAMANCHILI, VISAKHAPATNAM,
ANDHRA PRADESH - 531055 Integrated prawn and salt production